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1 Ms. Dixon: A writer of a letter in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch editorial section invited letters to you on the subject of railroad transportation of atomic wastes. I think the writer does not favor it.

1 continued But I certainly do. I am a retired chemical engineer with academic training just short of a PhD, many post graduate courses and 38 years of work in research, process and facilities development and design, construction and startup of processes for many chemicals ranging from polymers to herbicides and facilities from fired furnaces to distillation to cyanide handling including hazardous materials storage and truck and railcar loading and unloading. Further, I am an amateur railroader and model builder.

1 continued The only concern that I have about hauling atomic or any other kind of waste over the railroads is that the protesters who choose to get onto the tracks to stop the shipments probably will not get run over and the waste of money fighting their silliness! I am confident that the equipment built by the railroads to handle the wastes particularly after their designs survive the review processes can safely roll down a mountainside without spilling a drop or venting a whiff! Or maybe even contain an internal detonation.

Disposers, Haul On!

Very, Very Sincerely,

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